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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN JUNE

An average price of \$6.28 per hundred pounds was paid for the 20,186,000 pounds of fish and shellfish--spread among 19 classifications--landed during June at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show a decrease in volume of 4,795,000 pounds, but an increase in average price of \$0.97 per hundredweight, compared with the previous month, according to the June summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1941, the figures for June indicate a decrease of 10,142,000 pounds in volume. The average price for June 1941, however, of \$3.12 per hundredweight, was \$3.16 lower than for June of this year.

The June 1942 catch, which was the result of 501 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$1,268,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941 the catch--landed in 622 trips--was worth \$322,000 less, however, or about \$946,000.

In 217 trips, offshore vessels brought in 16,456,000 pounds of the total, spread among 19 classifications, at an average price of \$6.57 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 284 trips, landed about 3,730,000 pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$5.02 for an average.

From offshore vessels, drawn haddock (5,889,000 pounds at a \$7.03 per hundredweight average), drawn market cod (1,265,000 pounds, at a \$6.14 per hundredweight average), drawn and round scrod haddock (5,655,000 pounds, at a \$6.31 per hundredweight average), and round mackerel (1,635,000 pounds, at a \$5.43 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during June.

For inshore craft, the biggest leader was dressed, round, and steak whiting, with 2,513,000 pounds, for an average of \$4.39 per hundredweight. Rosefish, drawn haddock, round mackerel, and drawn large cod, followed.

Drawn halibut, brought the month's highest average--from inshore landings--at \$30.00; shucked sea scallops--offshore--at \$27.50, was second; and drawn halibut--offshore--third, at \$17.68.

Peak of arrivals in Boston occurred on Monday, June 11, when 38 vessels landed 1,282,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$6.12 per hundredweight; peak of landings was on Monday, June 29, when 34 vessels brought in 1,345,000 pounds for an average of \$5.91 per hundredweight.